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## CITY TAKES SLIGHT INTEREST IN LOAN

MALHEUR COUNTY ONE OF TWO ENTIRE STATE THAT HAS NOT ITS QUOTA IN SIGHT ON FIRST DAY

## CITY'S QUOTA IS \$123,000.00

Organization Completed Wednesday Night—Committee Wants Volunteers—Hope Drive Will Not be Necessary to Secure Quota.

Ontario has barely started on its Victory Loan campaign. Malheur county is one of two counties in entire state that has not its quota in sight. Twenty-one counties have their quotas completed. This is the situation, deplorable tho it be that the Victory Loan workers of Malheur county and of Ontario face at this time.

When the local committee headed by Frank Kader canvassed the situation with County Chairman J. R. Mackaby last night it was evident that it realized that, "something must be done." At the conference beside the chairman were E. A. Fraser, H. B. Cockrum and W. W. Lett.

### Is Debt of Honor.

"There is no reason why three good Americans should have to call upon one good American to tell him what he ought to do," was the sentiment of the committee in discussing the question of rating individuals and soliciting subscriptions on that basis.

Since Ontario's rating is as great as in the last drive, it can only be raised by subscribers taking practically what they did in the fourth Liberty Loan. And this should come from these volunteer subscriptions.

### If the War Had Continued

"Had the war continued, and was still being fought, this loan would have been for fifteen billions instead of four and a half," said the committee; "and with long casualty lists being published every day the people would have dug for the money. But peace has not been proclaimed as yet. The bills have not been paid and this loan must be subscribed. The bills were contracted for material to provide us. To pay the soldiers who fought and died for us all, it is a debt of honor that America must pay and Ontario will be marked with shame unless it takes its share. The obligation goes down all the way from the nation to the individual."

"Ontario's quota is \$123,000. The county's quota is \$369,000. Across the river Payette county had a \$150,000 quota and made it two hours after the campaign opened. Ontario and Malheur county must make good."

## CIRCUIT COURT TO HOLD LONG SESSION

Grand Jury Returns Many Indictments—Civil Calendar has 25 Cases Set for Trial—Criminal Calendar Light.

With the heaviest calendar in years Judge Dalton Biggs will call the calendar in the Circuit Court next Monday. Twenty-five civil cases have been set for trial and there will also be a number of criminal cases heard.

The Grand Jury which completed its work Tuesday returned four indictments implicating eleven people. Indictments were returned for Hugh Maxwell and Martha Shooter in connection with the sale of wood alcohol at Riverside, which resulted in the death of three men. Ralph Webster, Elias Shelton and Ambrose Eloraga of Jordan Valley were charged in another true bill with the larceny of two steers from Fred Palmer. Four indictments were returned against a bunch of gamblers caught in a raid in Ontario some time since. They gave bail and will probably let their cases go. One secret indictment was also returned.

Two criminal cases have been set, they are those of Mrs. Martha Shooter and Hugh Maxwell for manslaughter; and William Lambert for threatening to commit felony.

## FIFER'S BIG NEW RESTAURANT FINISHED

Formal Opening of Cafe and Candy Kitchen Scheduled for Sunday—Is Handsomely Appointed and Thoroughly Equipped.

On Sunday, April 27, Fifer's new cafe and candy kitchen will be formally opened to the public. This institution which is by far the largest and most elaborately appointed place of its kind in a city of Ontario's size in this section will fill a long-felt want in Ontario, and does more for it demonstrates the growth of a business which started in a small way several years ago and has kept pace with the city's advancement.

From the front with its confectionery store to the rear where ice cream and candy are to be manufactured for wholesale and retail trade the establishment is thoroughly modern and sanitariously equipped with all the latest improvements for handling increased patronage.

Beside the tables in the dining room, which will seat 56 at one time there is a lunch counter with a seating capacity of ten. Everything is in white and buff and the decorations are elegantly simple and impressive.

It is the kitchen, however, that is the greatest source of pride on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Fifer. This part of the institution is a model of neatness and sanitary conditions. Everything in this section is new and arranged so that hundreds can be fed each day with a minimum of effort and with dispatch. A ten foot range is the center of the kitchen equipment and is the delight of the chef. Beside this there is a high ice box eight by ten feet and 12 feet high that will care for meats and vegetables; a big commissary carries the grocery supplies and everything is arranged for the convenience of the workers.

The formal opening of the new cafe will be marked by the inauguration of a special Sunday dinner to be served from 5:30 to 8:30. For the opening day many Ontarians are reserving tables and thus making it somewhat of a civic event.

## CHASED HUNS BUT NEVER FIRED SHOT

Corporal Sprague Amam Had Unique War Experience in Argonne—Sergeant Glenn N. Brown Home After Two Years.

"We could not catch them. They ran too fast even for the trucks to maintain contact, so the I went over with the tank corps on November 4, 1918, and chased Huns up to November 11, in the Argonne I did not fire a shot at them, and only came under their artillery fire a few times."

That was the modest statement of his experience as a fighting tom cat in France as related by Corporal Sprague Adam, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Adam who arrived home Monday morning. Corporal Adam was in France six months having enlisted in the tank corps in Chicago in 1917.

"After they finally broke," said Corporal Adam in telling of his experience, for he was a gunner in one of the French tanks furnished the A. E. F., "the Huns retreated so fast that where we were we could not establish contact. The tanks only travel 8 miles per hour and in the forest over shelled ground could not make that. We reached one objective after another only to find them gone. The doughboys often strapped machine guns to trucks and rushed forward, but they could not catch them in our sector, so of course the tanks could not. I can only say I was in the Argonne fighting but never fired a shot at the Huns. The only fire I was under was that of artillery, and it must have been stray shots at that."

Corporal Adam was accompanied home from Camp Grant by his father and his brother who went back to meet him there.

### Sergeant Brown Home

Wearing three gold stripes, showing 18 months service in France Sergeant Glenn N. Brown is home. He arrived Sunday night from Camp Lewis where he was discharged. Ser-

## Ontario Facing Great Problems For Opportunity to Insure Prosperity

With Great Revival in Demand for Land Hundreds of New Families are Certain to Make This Section Their Home, and Ontario is Bound to Grow If Citizens Show Faith in City.

"Ontario is facing the crisis of its career as a business town," said an Ontario man who did not care to be quoted.

"I believe, he continued that towns are made cities by the energy of the business men who work together to make progress for a community possible. Cities are not accidents, they are made. The town that shows the life, that goes after things gets there, that is all there is to it."

Right now Ontario has the opportunity to fulfill these requirements. If Ontario is to maintain its relative standing in this section it must keep abreast of the procession.

### First Task—The Victory Loan.

Ontario's first job is to subscribe to the Victory Loan. Before any other public work should be considered that debt of honor should be paid. If all unite and go forward the task will be easy.

Ontario citizens who are hall and hearty should consider the sacrifices some have made. Think of what Elbert Johnson paid his country when he laid down his life "in action" and of Harry Oliver who died of pneumonia, over there.

Ontario is a prosperous city. It has sufficient wealth here to give assurance that its quota can be, and will be subscribed. So far the campaign has not been marked by enthusiasm. Why this is so we do not know, but it must not be continued. Ontario can not afford to bear the stigma of a clacker community now that the Victory over the unspeakable Hun has been won.

### Ontario's Second Task.

Having done its patriotic duty to the nation, Ontario's second task is for its own benefit, both directly and indirectly. This job calls for the encouragement and boosting of the proposed county bond issue for the construction of good roads thru the county on the program laid out by the State Highway commission.

In the accomplishment of this program; with roads leading north across Dead Ox Flat to the Baker line, and ultimately south to Jordan Valley, west and north thru the Willow creek valley, across Cow Valley and Ironside to the Baker county line; straight west to Harper on the Central Oregon Highway; Ontario will be brought into closer touch with the vast trade territory of Malheur county. No city in the county can possibly profit more than Ontario by the completion of this program, for to this city trade will gravitate naturally if the business men do their part.

### Improvements Needed Within.

There is yet another step in the program that is necessary if Ontario is to reap the full benefit of its natural location as a strategic business center. It must present a pleasing appearance to those who would come here to trade or to make their homes.

Already Ontario is fast becoming known as a desirable community in which to live and many ranchers are coming here to make their homes while their children attend the schools here. More will come when the city takes on a more progressive appearance, shows that it is "up and coming."

Since already we have a fine water system, an adequate sewerage system, excellent street lighting system, telephones, churches and schools, the elements lacking are good streets, lawns, parks and trees.

These are the things that citizens themselves must provide. While it is hard to trace the returns which these things pay to a city, everyone knows that they do pay.

All these things can be had. Not all this year, of course. But within a reasonable period such a civic program could be completed if a concerted effort were made by those who are interested in seeing Ontario grow.

Could not the various clubs, the Commercial club, the Women's club or the Yodges take up the promotion of some of these measures? The Argus understands that one citizen has said that if the city wants a block for a park he will give it a deed to such property. That offer should be accepted and a start thus be made in Ontario's improvement program.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Peterson left the first of the week for Bend, Oregon, where they will attend the Stockmen's Convention now being held there.

John Rasmussen, engineer on the Brogan run laid off several days this week. He went fishing with V. E. Staples last Sunday. They drove all the way to Malheur City. None of their friends ate fish for breakfast Monday.

Mrs. C. E. Piper and grand daughter Margaret Dorr who spent the past month in Ontario the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Aiken left for their home in Berwyn, Illinois, this morning.

Dave Logan of Brogan was in town on business this week.

District Attorney R. W. Swagler left Tuesday evening for Salem on business for the Payette-Oregon Slope Irrigation district.

Mayor R. W. Jones was honored recently by the Southern Idaho Laundrymen's association by being made secretary of the organization at its annual meeting at Caldwell.

geant Brown left Ontario April 10, 1917, with the first party of recruits and was among the first 50,000 American troops landed in France. He was in the aviation service as a mechanic, so did not come in contact with the Hun save as a prisoner of war.

Sergeant Brown had applied for transfer into the cadet flying corp some time before the war ended and believes that had the conflict continued he might have achieved his ambition to become a pilot. With that ambition behind him he will spend the summer with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Brown on an auto trip thru the west.

## SHEET METAL PLANT BEING BUILT HERE

U. S. Manufacturing Company Incorporated—Work Started on Plant and Deliveries Will be Made at Early Date.

Ontario has a new industry; or to be more exact has an enlarged industry which, if present plans mature, will be the largest employer in the city with the exception of the O. & L. within a short time.

Papers were completed this week for the incorporation of the U. S. Manufacturing company; which under the terms of the incorporation papers will engage in the manufacture of all kinds of sheet metal goods. Particular attention will be given to the manufacture of corrugated iron culverts, irrigation flumes, grain bins, water tanks, troughs, bodies for automobiles and kindred lines.

The incorporators of the company are L. G. Olson, E. J. and P. J. Gallagher. The company is the outgrowth of the business established here by L. G. Olson as the U. S. Plumbing & Heating company, which will continue the plumbing end of the business.

For some time Mr. Olson has been engaged in turning out a great deal of sheet metal work and the demands of the field required the extension of the business and the enlargement of the plant. According to the plans of the incorporators the local plant will be the largest of its kind between Salt Lake and Portland. Already there is on the ground a number of mammoth steel shapers and other machines used in the work which the plant will turn out.

The site on which the plant will be erected is that formerly occupied by the Pabst Brewing company as a cold storage house on the tracks opposite the freight station. A long lease has been taken on the property and the old warehouse has been removed and work started on the construction of the new building.

E. J. Gallagher who comes to Ontario to be sales manager of the new company is a brother of P. J. Gallagher one of the incorporators, who is well known in this section. Mr. Gallagher has for several years been engaged in the sale of machinery of all kinds. He comes, however, direct from Wichita, Kansas, where he was southwest district sales manager for the Hart-Parr company of Charles City, Iowa. He is a married man. Mrs. Gallagher and their two children will come to Ontario to make their home after the school term ends in Wichita.

### Start Deliveries Soon.

The new company will not have to wait long for action. It has on hand now orders calling for the manufacture of a car load of corrugated iron culverts and the steel for these is expected daily. As soon as the machines can be placed on concrete foundations and the building completed the present crew of sheet metal workers will be enlarged and deliveries started on the orders now awaiting action.

### CITIZENS ARE WORRIED OVER WATER FOR TREES AND LAWNS

Many Ontarians are worried over their lawns and trees. They do not know whether they can irrigate them sufficiently with hose connections from the city water system. They want water turned into the old irrigation ditches. Repeated efforts to hold meetings of the water users association has failed to bring forth a crowd. Now those who have never taken any apparent interest fear their lawns are to burn up, their fruit trees wither and die, and they are manifesting belated worry.

The city council has established an irrigation rate from the city system, such as other towns similarly situated have, but Ontario is not used to this and many have doubts. Also it takes more work and time under the new system, so of course there are objections. Something should be done. The new system should get a trial, or the water should be turned into the irrigation ditches. Anyway the shade trees and lawns and fruit trees should be saved. Ontario needs them badly! First of all every Ontarian should awake to the situation.

## PAVING PROGRAM IS GIVEN REAL START

RESOLUTION PASSED DECLARING PURPOSE TO FORM LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR PURPOSE OF LAYING PAVING

## SEWER DISTRICT IS APPROVED

Oregon Street and Richardson Street, With Intersecting Streets from Montana to Wyoming Avenues Within Paving Area.

By passing a resolution declaring it to be the purpose of the Common Council of the City of Ontario to establish a local improvement district for the laying of street paving, the Council at an adjourned session Monday night brot the proposed paving program definitely to a head.

According to the resolution as passed the proposed paving area will include the following streets: Oregon street from Montana avenue to Wyoming avenue; Richardson street from Montana avenue to California avenue and from the railroad track to Richardson street on the following avenues: California, Washington and Idaho and Montana from Oregon street to Richardson street.

The council also passed the assessment roll for lateral sewer district No. 9 which will serve the residences in the northwest section of the city along Minnesota street.

As yet the council has received no word from the railroad officials regarding the regulation of train operations within the city limits, the blockading of crossings and carelessness in switching cars across streets.

## FRED J. KIESEL DIES AT HIS OGDEN HOME

Pioneer Business Man and Capitalist Had Faith in Malheur County—Saved Owyhee Ditch in Early Days.

Ontario and Malheur county lost one of its best friends this week, and many old timers are regretting the passing of one to whom they could turn in an emergency and receive help. This loss became known Wednesday in the announcement of the death of Fred J. Kiesel of Ogden who died at his home there Tuesday, April 22, aged 78 years.

Fred J. Kiesel was one of, if not the heaviest individual taxpayer in Malheur county. He owned the K. S. & D. ranch at Arcadia and was heavily interested in Ontario real estate. In the early days of Ontario, from 1885 to 1903 he was the owner of mercantile and forwarding companies here, these he sold to Rader Bros. Co. in March, 1903.

Tho he sold his mercantile interests in 1903 Mr. Kiesel did not dispose of all his real property and by his ownership of the K. S. & D. ranch at Arcadia and town property here, he always maintained an interest in Ontario and has been the largest individual contributor beside the original donor, to the Carnegie library of this city.

### Financed the Owyhee

County Judge E. H. Test, Judge G. L. King, E. A. Fraser, H. C. and A. F. Boyer and other old time residents of the county who knew Mr. Kiesel well consider the financing of the Owyhee Ditch company as the greatest work Mr. Kiesel performed for the advancement of this region. When others refused to consider loans for the completion of the system from Nyssa northward, he took the unsupported note of the company and later its bonds for \$50,000. That was in 1895 when irrigation securities were a drug on the market. Later in 1915 he took a release of the original bonds, after they had been refused by many capitalists.

Mr. Kiesel became interested in Ontario in 1885. He formed the Fred J. Kiesel company and E. H. Test came here from Halley to manage the store, then located in the

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